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'WE present the Publick with the ' following Pieces; because the ' first shews what an ill Opinion ' the French themselves have of ' the present Condition of their ' Affairs in general; and the last is a new Proof of ' the great Difficulties they labour under in the ' Point of *Money* particularly.

PARIS.

An Order of his Eminency the Cardinal de Noailles Archbishop of Paris; for beseeching God with new publick Prayers to prosper the Arms of the King.

LEWIS ANTHONY DE NOAILLES, by divine Permission, Cardinal Priest of the Holy Roman Church, by the Title of Santa Maria sopra la Minerva, Archbishop of Paris, Duke of St. Cloud, Peer of France, Commander of the Order of the Holy Ghost: To all the Faithful of our Dioceſs *Greeting and Benediction.* The Calamities with which God afflicts his People are at once certain Signs of his Wrath, and sure Means to appease it, when we make that Use of them which Religion injoyns us. His Mercy ever attends his Justice; for he *is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to Repentance*, [2 Pet. 3. 9.] Thus his Mercy employs the same Chastisements for expiating Sin, that his Justice uses for punishing it; and the Sinner obtains his Reconciliation by his Sufferings, when he receives them with Submission, and with a true Conversion of Mind. We have therefore in this unhappy Juncture of Time, two important Duties to discharge; to acknowledge the just Wrath of God against our Iniquities, and to make Good Use of the Punishments he inflicts, by humbling ourselves under his mighty Hand. 'Tis his Hand that strikes, not to destroy us, but to convert us: His Strokes will be Strokes of Grace and Salvation, if they incite us to return to our Duty, and make amends in Adversity for our ill Use of the long Prosperity which by his Protection we have enjoy'd. Let us confess, as the Illustrious and generous Judith advises, *That all we suffer is much less than we deserve; and let us believe that the Afflictions with which God chastises us as his Servants, are sent for our Amendment, not for our Destruction.* [Judith 8. 27.] In abasing ourselves before God, with Sorrow for having offended him, let us raise ourselves up with humble Confidence in his Goodness: Let us not be cast down by our Afflictions; because they come not from Man who would destroy us, but from God who would sanctify us. Let us be in greater Fear of our Sins, than of our Enemies; because they have no more Power against us, than we give them by our Crimes. *Inquire*, said Achior Chief of the Ammonites, to Holofernes, speaking of the People of Israel, *If this People have committed any Sin against their God; and if so, let us go and attack them; because their God will deliver them into your Hands, and they shall be subdued to your Obedience: But if this People have not offended their God; we cannot resist them, because their God will interpose in their Defence; and we shall become a Reproach to the whole Earth.* [Jud. 5. 24.] 'Tis not therefore the Strength of our Enemies, the Number of their Troops, and all the Efforts of a powerful League, that ought to terrify us; but our Infidelity to God, which has lost us his Protection: If the Lord of Hosts be for us, who shall be against us? We shall enter every where, as the same Achior said of the ancient Israelites, *without Bow or Dart, without Buckler or Sword, our God will fight for us, and he will always conquer: But if we withdraw from his Service*, [Jud. 5. 16.] if we violate his Law; he will leave us to our own Weakness, and we shall be always vanquish'd. Let us return therefore to him by sincere Repentance, let us change our Hearts that they may change our Works, let us cast off all Works of Darkness to which we have given up our selves, and no longer do any thing unworthy of the Quality which Baptism confers on all Christians, of *Children of the Day and of Light.* [1 Thes.] Let us with contrite and humble Hearts supplicate the God of Mercies to restore us to his wonted Favour, let us suffer with Submission the just Rigour with which he punishes us, and without ceasing implore his Pardon. Far from being discourag'd that our first Prayers were not heard, let us on the contrary repeat them, and disarm God of his Anger, by Humiliation, Good Works, and Prayers. Let us be weary of sinning, but never of praying, let us be weary of walking in the Paths of Iniquity and Predition; and let us forthwith turn into the Ways of Truth and Holiness, never agen to depart out of them. Let us make Use of the Prayers of our holy Patrons, let us have Recourse with Confidence to their Intercession, which has often produc'd such great Advantages. Let us begin by the holy Virgin, Queen of Saints, Patroness of this Dioceſs, and of the whole Kingdom; but let us bear in Mind that she obtains Favour for those only who do all that her divine Son commands them; and let us not do her the Injury to believe, that we can obtain under her Protection Impunity for our Sins. Let us have Recourse to St. Denys the Founder and Apostle of this Church. Let us Invoke St. Marcellus who govern'd this Dioceſs with so much Sanctity, and defended it so successfully against visible and invisible Dragons that attack'd it. Let us finally repair to St. Genevieve the illustrious Patroness of this great City, who during her Life procur'd it so great Favours, and who by her Interest with God has protected it so many Ages in so glorious a Manner. *For these Causes*, after having conferr'd with our venerable Brethren the Dean, Canons and Chapter of our Metropolitan Church, besides the publick Prayers which we enjoyn'd by our Order of the 5th of April last, which shall be continued as usual; We command that the Parishes and Communities of the City, Suburbs, and District of Paris, which are wont to go in Procession, do each on such Day as is most convenient, make a Solemn Procession to the Church of our Lady where the Shrine of St. Marcellus

cellus shall be uncover'd, and to that of St. Genevieve on the Hill, where the Shrine of that Saint shall likewise be uncover'd. And this, from Monday the 6th of this present Month of August, the Day after the Assumption, till Wednesday the 15th of September ensuing, the Day of the Octave of the Nativity, inclusive; to beg, by the Intercession of the holy Virgin Patroness of France, and of the Saints, particularly of St. Denys, St. Marcellus, and St. Genevieve, Patrons of the Capital of the Kingdom, the Blessing of God on the Arms of the King, the Preservation of his sacred Person, and of all the Royal Family, the Dutchess of Burgundy's happy Delivery, Peace between Christian Princes, and the other Wants of the State. We grant forty Days Indulgence to the Faithful who being well dispos'd shall assist at those Processions. And that Repentance may be joyn'd with Prayer, we order a general Fast to be observ'd throughout our Dioces on Friday the 27th of this present Month of August. We enjoyn the Curates, and Superiors of the secular and regular Communities, to read this our present Order, and to exhort the Faithful under their Direction, to attend those Processions with Sentiments of Piety necessary for obtaining the Favour of God. And we recommend to all the People of our Dioces to pray with a renew'd Zeal for all the Ends abovemention'd. Given at Paris in our Archiepiscopal Palace the Fourth Day of August 1706.

Sign'd, *L. A. Card. de Noailles, Ar. of Paris.*
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By his Eminency
Chevalier.

An Arrest of the King's Council of State, concerning the Currency of Mint-Bills.

THE King having caus'd his Council of State to examine the Memorials presented by the Judge and Consuls, Merchants and Traders, of Paris, concerning the Prejudice which Trade suffers by the extreme Difficulty of getting Mint-Bills chang'd for Money, occasion'd by the Avarice of some private Persons, who taking Advantage of the indispensible Necessity others are under of having ready Money to supply their Occasions, oblige them to pay extravagant and unreasonable Discount; as also the Offers made by the Sieurs Nerreau and Vincent, to pay out the Money they have already by them in Calli, and what more they can procure upon Credit, to the Bearers of Mint-Bills who may have Occasion to change them, without any more Discount or Profit than being reimburs'd the Interest of the Money they should advance, and the Salaries of the Clerks they should be oblig'd to keep, to take in, register, and pay the said Bills, which they believe would not amount to less than 6 per Cent of the Money they should furnish; his Majesty thought at first it might be advisable to accept their Proposal: But having consider'd that 'twas impossible for the said Sieurs Nerreau and Vincent to raise sufficient Funds for supplying all those who might come for Money for their Bills; he has judg'd that it would be more advantagious to the Publick to let all have the Liberty of exchanging, for the same Profit, current Money against the said Mint-Bills; and to order very severe Penalties against all those who should take more than Six per Cent on any Pretence whatever. The whole Matter being consider'd, and the Report of the Sieur Chamillart Councellour in ordinary of the Royal Council, Comptroller General of the Finances, being heard: *His Majesty in his Council* has permitted and permits the Sieurs Nerreau and Vincent, and all other Persons, to negociate for Money the Mint-Bills that shall be in their Possession; or to give Money in Exchange for Mint-Bills, and to take and retain 6 per Cent upon the same, as well for Interest for advancing the Money, as for the Expence and Loss they shall be at in providing Funds necessary for that Purpose. His Majesty forbids all sorts of Persons of what Quality soever, to take a greater Discount than the said 6 per Cent, on Pain of the Pillory, of 6 Years Banishment out of the Provost ship and Vicounty of Paris, and of a Fine of 3000 Livres, one half to the Hospital General, the other half to the Informer. Done in the King's Council of State held at Versailles the 14th Day of August 1706.

Plymouth, August 23. On the 21st came in Her Majesty's Ships the Monmouth, York, Dunkirk, Tilbury, Rumney, and Chester, from Torbay. Sail'd the Kent, August, and Chester, to cruise. Yesterday came in Her Majesty's Ship the Worcester from Torbay. This Day sail'd the Rumney and Tilbury with 3 Victuallers for Torbay.

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